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SUBJECT: MRS. DE LA CRUZ' VISIT TO MOSCOW

REF: (A) STATE 177176; (B) MOSCOW 11402

1. IN ADDITION TO APPOINTMENT FOR MRS. DE LA CRUZ AT PUSHKIN INSTITUTE (REF B), WE HAVE NOW ARRANGED FOR VISIT FOR HER TO MGU SUMMER PROGRAM FOR U.S. TEACHERS OF RUSSIAN. TIME CAN BE DETERMINED AFTER MRS. DE LA CRUZ ARRIVES HERE.

2. ON NEGATIVE SIDE, HOWEVER, WE HAVE SO FAR BEEN UNABLE TO SECURE ANY OF THE APPOINTMENTS WE REQUESTED AT MGIMO. FULL TEXT OF SOVIET REPLY TO OUR REQUEST FOLUE QUOTE WITH REFERENCE TO YOUR LETTER OF 19 JULY CONCERNING SEVERAL VISITS FOR MRS. NINA C. DE LA CRUZ, WE CAN INFORM YOU THAT ORGANIZING SUCH VISITS IS NOT POSSIBLE. FURTHERMORE, AS IS KNOWN, THERE ARE HOLIDAYS AT HIGHER EDUCATIONAL INSTITUTIONS IN AUGUST, AND THE TEACHING STAFF WILL BE ON LEAVE. UNQUOTE. WE ARE ASKING MFA, VIA LETTER FROM CHARGE TO KOMPLEKTOV, IF FIRST SENTENCE REPRESENTS BLANKET POLICY, AND WILL REPORT RESULTS TO DEPARTMENT.

3. THIS REFUSAL INFORTUNATELY TYPIFIES RECENT SOVIET TREATMENT OF OUR REQUESTS FOR VISITS TO MGIMO. FOR EXAMPLE, SEVERAL USIA SHORT-TERM LECTURERS HAVE BEEN REFUSED PERMISSION TO SPEACK THERE. AND THE SOVIETS ALSO REPLIED NEGATIVELY TO PROPOSED VISIT BY FORMER FSI DIRECTOR SOLLENBERGER (SEE MOSCOW 9752 AND PREVIOUS). UNDER THESE CIRCUMSTANCES, WE BELIEVE IT WOULD BE APPROPRIATE FOR DEPARTMENT TO RAISE THE MATTER WITH THE SOVIET EMBASSY IN
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WASHINGTON, NOTING OUR RECENT COOPERATION IN ARRANGING SOVIET

VISITS TO FSI (REF A) AND POINTING OUT THE DESIRABILITY OF RECIP-
ROCAL TREATMENT FOR AMERICAN OFFICIALS VISITING IN MOSCOW.
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